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FOR THE WEEK OF

CITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 30 Community Center Closed
- 31 Community Center Closed

SEPTEMBER

1 Community Center Closed Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-Noon

National Preparedness Month

- Community Center, Library, Senior Center Closed
- City Hall, Community Center, Courts, DMV Select, Library, Schools, Senior Center, Sheriff's Office Closed No Yard Waste, Bundled Brush, or Special Collections

Labor Day

- City Council Work Session, 7:30 p.m. Planning Commission, 7:45 p.m.
- **General District Court in Session** Falls Church Cable Access Board, 6:30 p.m. Recreation & Parks Advisory Board, 7 p.m. Architectural Advisory Board, 7:45 p.m.
- FIRSTfriday Event
- Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-Noon Recycling Extravaganza, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., **Recycling Center**

Advocates Needed for Long-Term **Care Residents**

The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is seeking volunteer advocates to serve at a nursing home or assisted-living facility in Northern Virginia convenient to where they live or work. Volunteers will make weekly visits, meeting one-on-one with residents to ensure their rights are protected.

Applicants must be available to volunteer four hours per week, primarily during regular business hours, and must not be employed by a long-term care facility. Training is scheduled for Sept. 17, 18, and 28, 2007 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Support from ombudsman staff and periodic inservice training is provided thereafter.

For more information and an application, call 703-324-5435 (TTY 703-449-1186) or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ LTCOmbudsman.



Register for the City's Online Newsletter at www.fallschurchva.gov



Labor Day Holiday Schedule

COMMUNITY CENTER MARY RILEY STYLES PUBLIC LIBRARY

SENIOR CENTER

CITY HALL **COMMUNITY CENTER**

COURTS

DMV SELECT OFFICE

MARY RILEY STYLES PUBLIC LIBRARY **SCHOOLS**

SENIOR CENTER SHERIFF'S OFFICE

GEORGE LOCAL TRANSIT

YARD WASTE / BUNDLED BRUSH / SPECIAL COLLECTIONS / REFUSE / RECYCLING CLOSED Sept. 3

CLOSED Sept. 2

NO SERVICE Sept. 3

NO PICKUP Sept. 3 For information, call 703-248-5081 (TTY 711).

7th Annual Student Art Contest

Enter the Falls Church City Student Art Contest and yours could be one of the 13 winning entries featured in the City's 2008 Calendar!

Submission Requirements:

- Illustrate the theme: My Favorite Place in Falls Church City. Is it your backyard, the library, or somewhere else? Show us!
- Must be original to the 7th Annual Student Art Contest. Do not resubmit artwork from previous contests.
- Must not be edible (e.g. Cheerios, macaroni noodles, etc.).
- Must not require storage at a certain temperature or in a special setup.

• Must include the following information on the back of the entry: name, age, grade, school attending, parent/guardian, address, phone number, and location depicted in artwork.

Deadline for entries is Friday, Oct. 5, 2007. Students must either attend a City of Falls Church school or reside in the City. No more than three entries per person.

Mail or deliver entries to: Office of Communications, Falls Church City Hall, 300 Park Ave., 303 East, Falls Church, VA 22046.

Questions? Call 703-248-5003 (TTY 711) or e-mail publicinfo@ fallschurchva.gov.

Falls Church Police Officer Selected for National Training Program

Police Officer Justin Cuomo is one of only 30 law enforcement personnel selected by the state Virginia



to attend a national active shooter response training program this week in Richmond.

"To be selected as one of the state's representatives for this training is an honor and I'm looking forward to representing my agency and the City," said Cuomo.

The U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance has funded nine Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Train-the-

Trainer Courses across the nation. This intensive training program aids law enforcement officers, specifically first responders, in their ability to safely and effectively respond to an incident and stop an active shooter. The course addresses the history of activeshooter events, proper response techniques, equipment needed, potential challenges, and lessons learned.

Officer Cuomo developed the Falls Church Police Department's active shooter response program in 2002 and leads an annual training course on the program for Falls Church City public safety personnel.

"We've been very proactive over the past five years. Our department has one of the most robust protocols, training, and equipment programs to deal with a violent incident in our

Blast Into the Past

Kids took a step back in time earlier this month at the "Blast Into the Past" camp at Cherry Hill Farmhouse. Pictured left to right: Esther Wisdom, Annie Parnell, Carrie Gudenkauf, Annie Washa, Hayley Loftrun-Thun, Lillian Soltys, Kerri Gannon, and Emma Washa.

Classes and Events

Special Events Recycling Extravaganza

Saturday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Falls Church Recycling Center, 217 Gordon Road Bring unwanted electronics, textiles, medical supplies and much more to the Falls Church Recycling Extravaganza. All materials will be recycled or donated to charity. For a complete list of acceptable donations, visit www.fallschurchva.gov or call 703-248-5176 (TTY 711).

Fall Festival and Taste of Falls Church

Saturday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Cherry Hill Park, 312 Park Ave. Celebrate the fall season with amusement rides, pony rides, crafts, food vendors, children's activities, and live entertainment at this free event. Call 703-248-5077 (TTY 711) for details.

Victorian Fashion Exhibit

Sept. 15-23, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday noon-4 p.m. Cherry Hill Farmhouse, 312 Park Ave.

View life in Victorian times through the clothing people wore. This special exhibit displays women's, men's, and children's clothing and accessories from all eras of the Victorian period, 1860-1910. Call 703-248-5171 (TTY 711) for more information.

Invasive Plant Removal Party

Saturday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m.-noon Crossman Park, meet at Van Buren Street entrance Help reduce "Green Pollution" by removing invasive plants at Crossman Park. Invasive plants are plants that have been introduced from other countries or regions that have taken over our natural areas. They spread and grow rapidly, resulting in a loss of habitat for native insects, birds, and other wildlife. Call 703-248-5016 (TTY 711) for more information.



City of Falls Church Farmers Market **Every Saturday** from 8 a.m. - Noon

Going Green

Recycle Computers, Clothing, Bikes, and More Sept. 8

Area residents will have an opportunity to get rid of a wide array of unwanted items at the City of Falls Church Recycling Extravaganza on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Falls Church City Recycling Center, located at 217 Gordon Road (near the Don Beyer Volvo on Rt.7). All collected items will either be reused or recycled.

Acceptable electronic equipment includes computers, monitors and components, laptops, printers, copiers, fax machines, TVs, VCRs, cell phones, telephones, pagers, answering machines, stereos and radios, CD players, Walkmans, electric typewriters, and calculators.

Acceptable textiles include clothing, handbags, hats, paired socks, paired shoes, drapes, curtains, sheets, towels, and fabric remnants and should be placed in plastic bags.

Used bicycles (no tricycles) will be collected and sent to people in developing countries. A \$10 donation is requested per bicycle to help cover shipping costs.

Printer cartridges, portable sewing machines, eyeglasses, hearing aids, braces, canes, crutches, splints, strollers, walkers and wheelchairs will also be collected.

The Recycling Extravaganza is sponsored by the Department of Environmental Services and the Falls Church Environmental Services Council. For more information, including unacceptable items, call 703-248-5176 (TTY 711) or visit www.fallschurchva.gov.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FY09 Community Development & Housing Program Grants

The City of Falls Church expects to have available approximately \$85,000 of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and approximately \$47,500 of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program funds, as of July 1, 2009 to assist City residents with low and moderate incomes. These funds may be used for housing development, rental assistance, social services, economic development, and public services.

The City is soliciting proposals to be considered for funding. Proposals for funding must be submitted in the format provided by the City of Falls Church in order to be considered. Proposal packets are available by calling 703-248-5005 (TTY 711) or visiting www.fallschurchva.gov/services/hhs.html. All proposals must be postmarked and received by the Housing and Human Services Division, 300 Park Ave., 100West, by NOON on Friday, Sept. 21, 2007 (Note: New deadline time).

City staff and the Housing Commission will review submitted proposals. Final funding recommendations will be announced at a City Council public hearing in late November 2007.

Save the Date— **You May Save Your Life**

Life Line Screening will be at the Technology Learning Center at George Mason High School (7124 Leesburg Pike) on Saturday, Sept. 8 to perform non-invasive ultrasound health screenings for stroke, abdominal aneurysms, peripheral arterial disease, and osteoporosis, as well as blood testing for cholesterol and glucose. These tests are intended for persons ages 45+ without symptoms of these conditions. Individual tests cost \$25-\$45; package pricing available. Pre-registration required. Call 800-324-1851.

Falls Church Recreation & Parks Division 223 Little Falls Street Falls Church, VA 22046 703-248-5077*

Phone Numbers

Open Gym/Weather Hotline 703-248-5125* 703-248-5178* Special Events Hotline Fax 703-536-5125 Senior Center 703-248-5020*/21*

Community Center Hours

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. 8 a.m. - Midnight Friday Saturday 8:30 a.m. - Midnight Sunday Noon - 6 p.m.

Open Gym Hours

Open Gym hours are updated on a bi-weekly basis and are also posted on the Open Gym Hotline. 703-248-5125*. All hours are subject to change. Indicates TTY 711 Accessibility